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NDEZ-DECASTRO In Re Application of:

Appln. No. 10/659,325

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For: FACE MASK

Art Unit: 3743

Examiner: Andrea

Washington, D.C.

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Date: June 16, 2004 Confirmation No. 3767

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [X] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	* 10	MINUS	** 20	0				
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM								

	SMALL ENTITY					
		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
	х	9	\$			
	х	43	\$			
	+	145	\$			
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL			\$			

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE **ADDITIONAL** FEE s 18 86 \$ \$ 290 TOTAL \$

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	[]]·	Third	-	\$	475.00		[]	Third	-	\$	950.00	
	[]	1	Fourth	-	\$	740.00		[]	Fourth	-	\$	1480.00	
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[XX] nection with this application or credit any ssociated with this communication, including any presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.